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In re patent application of

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U.S. Serial No.: 09/600,631

Examiner: Unassigned

which is a U.S. National Phase  
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For: AZETIDINECARBOXAMIDE DERIVATIVES FOR TREATING CNS DISORDERS

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a petition to request acceptance of the Declaration pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(a): Filing when an inventor refuses to sign or cannot be reached.

As detailed in the attached 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 Declaration, Dr. Robin Shepherd, last known to reside at 37 Duke Street, Windsor, Berkshire, England agreed to assign the rights to United States Patent Application 09/600,631 (hereinafter the "631 application"), filed July 20, 2000 to Cerebrus Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., which later changed its name to Vernalis Research, Ltd. (hereinafter "Vernalis"). Dr. Shepherd subsequently died, leaving his wife, Mrs. Joy Shepherd, as his personal representative. Mrs. Shepherd, therefore, is under a legal duty to fulfill the contractual obligations of her late husband.

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Despite diligent efforts by Vernalis and their legal counsel, Mrs. Shepherd has refused to sign an inventor's declaration on behalf of her late husband because of an unrelated dispute with the company.

It is respectfully submitted, therefore, that an authorized officer of Vernalis is competent under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47 to sign on Mrs. Shepherd's behalf.

In addition to the Section 1.47 Petition, a fax copy of the signed inventor's declaration, missing only Mrs. Shepherd's signature or that of the assignee, Vernalis, a Declaration of the pertinent facts under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47, and a check for the \$130.00 petition fee, required by 37 CFR § 1.17(i), are also included. A substitute Declaration, signed by the assignee will be submitted as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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